

ARTICLES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH SLAVIC PEOPLES,  
dba THE SOUTH SLAVIC CLUB OF DAYTON

Article I: Name

The name of this Club shall be THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH SLAVIC PEOPLES, dba THE SOUTH SLAVIC CLUB OF DAYTON, Ohio.

Article II: Place

The place in this state where the principal office of the Club is to be located is the City of Dayton, County of Montgomery.

Article III: Purpose

The exclusive purpose of this Club shall be to promote an educational interest in the history, geography, social economy, literature, art, music, drama, language, and general culture of the former Republics of Yugoslavia including Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia-Montenegro, and Slovenia, and Bulgaria represented in the greater Dayton area and for any other educational purpose not contrary to Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article IV:

No part of the net earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Club shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No part of the activities of the Club shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Club shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of the candidates for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a Club exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article V:

Section 1:

Membership in this Club shall be open to any individual interested in its objectives, upon payment of the requisite dues. The Board of the South Slavic Club has the authority to require members to pay dues in an amount to be determined by the Board from time to time.

Section 2:

- a) An accredited member shall be defined as one whose dues are paid in full.
- b) Duration: Membership shall extend from the date the dues are paid until that same date the following year. Dues allowed to lapse for up to three months, except where a formal request for withdrawal has been submitted to the Executive Board, shall be dated from the date due and shall be dated from the due date and shall extend for one year from that date.

Section 3:

Voting membership shall be composed of accredited members eighteen years or over, provided they are present at a regular meeting or a duly announced special meeting, provided nevertheless that if, in the opinion of the Executive Board, a more representative election could be had by the use of a mail ballot, the Executive Board may in its discretion order said mail ballots to be used.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1:

The officers of this organization shall be elected by the membership at the Annual Meeting and shall take office in January of the following year. A majority of those casting a ballot shall be necessary for election. All elected officers or members of the Executive or Advisory Board shall continue to serve and be empowered to act until their successors have been duly elected and installed.

Section 2:

The elected Officers shall consist of a president, not more than four vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 3:

In the event a vacancy occurs among the elected Officers or the Advisory Board, the Executive Board shall fill such vacancy. The person who fills the vacancy shall serve for the duration of the term. If a vacancy occurs on the Advisory Board, the Executive Board shall fill such vacancy. The person who fills the vacancy shall serve until the next election.

Section 4:

Any accredited member who is eighteen years of age or older and who has been a member of the Club for at least six (6) months shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 5:

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of this organization, shall call and preside at Executive Board Meetings, and shall perform all the usual functions pertaining to this Office. He/she shall name the chairperson of all standing committees deemed necessary, and shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- B. The First Vice President shall serve as aide to the President, and shall act for him/her in his/her absence or in the event of his/her disability, and shall serve as Chairperson of cultural activities.
- C. The Second Vice President shall serve as chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- D. The Third Vice-President shall serve as Program Chairperson.
- E. The Fourth Vice-President shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Inter-Cultural Relations.
- F. The Secretary shall take the Minutes at all meetings and keep them in his/her custody. At any Board Meeting, the Secretary shall have minutes of prior meetings available for review by the Board members. The Secretary may forward said Minutes electronically to those members of the Board who are able to receive electronically. Additional duties of the Secretary are:

- (1.) To have a copy of the organization's by-laws available for ready reference;
- (2.) To keep an accurate list of the individual members;

- (3.) To prepare such correspondence as is requested by the President or the Executive Board
- (4.) To keep a file of the Newsletters and have them available at Board meetings.

G. The Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all funds belonging to the organization and shall pay out from the same only by order of the President or the Executive Board. He/she shall keep an accurate account of all money received and expended, and shall render an itemized statement at the regular Executive Board Meetings. He/she shall present an annual report at the Annual Meeting and a full accounting of the previous year at the first meeting of the next year. The books of the Treasurer shall be reviewed by the audit committee each year prior to the first meeting of the next year.

#### ARTICLE VII: ADVISORY BOARD

An Advisory Board shall consist of no fewer than three nor more than twelve members who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of three years. All accredited members over the age of eighteen years are eligible to serve on the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall serve on the Executive Board. Representative members of the Zivio dance group may also serve on the Advisory Board.

#### ARTICLE VIII: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The affairs of this organization shall be conducted by the Executive Board consisting of the officers listed above, the immediate past president and the members of the Advisory Board. The President at his/her discretion shall call the meetings of this Board.

#### ARTICLE IX: MEETINGS

##### Section 1:

The Executive Board shall have a minimum of three regular meetings during the year.

##### Section 2:

Extraordinary meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President or the Executive Board.

##### Section 3:

The Annual Meeting shall be the meeting at which Officers are elected, and the annual reports of the officers and committees are presented, except as specified in Article VI, Section 5, (G).

#### ARTICLE X: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee shall consist of two regular members and one member of the Advisory Board who shall be appointed by the President. This committee shall present the nominations for the various offices and Advisory Board at the Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be allowed provided that consent of the nominee has been obtained before the nomination is made. Members of the

Board and Advisory Board shall be elected by a majority vote of the members casting a ballot.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any meeting of the membership by a majority vote, provided that notice to the membership has been sent one month prior to the meeting at which amendments will be voted upon. The notice must contain the proposed amendments and the date, time and place of the meeting at which the proposed amendments will be voted upon.

ARTICLE XII: RULES OF ORDER

The newly revised edition of the Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this organization in all matters pertaining to parliamentary procedure insofar as they are applicable and consistent with this Constitution. A copy of this edition shall be in custody of the Secretary and shall be kept immediately available for the presiding officer of each meeting.

ARTICLE XIII: COMMUNICATION

A Newsletter shall be the official method of communication for the membership. The editing, printing and mailing of the Newsletter shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIV: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Club, the Executive Board, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Club, shall dispose of all assets of the Club as follows: one-half to the Duquesne University Tamburitzans, Institute of the Folk Arts, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and one-half to an organization to be named. Such organization shall be organized exclusively for educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future US Internal Revenue Law) as the Executive Board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Club is then located, or to such organization as said Court shall determine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this \_\_\_\_ date of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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